GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:36
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2001
PRIVATISATION OF MFL
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to sell its stake of MFL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the said unit is running in profit; and

(d) if so, the reasons for privatisation of the said unit?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a), (b) & (c): On the basis of the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission, Governmenthave decided to disinvest 32.74% of its equity in Madras Fertilizers Limited, out of the government'sholding of 58.74%, through strategic sale along with transfer of management control. The profit earned or loss suffered by the company in the last three years were as under:-

Rs. in crore

1997-98	(-) 55.35
Apr.'98-Sep.'99 (18 months)	(-) 7.09
Oct.'99-Mar.'2000	(+) 6.33

(d): The decision to disinvest in Madras Fertilizers Ltd. is in accordance with thedeclared policy of the Government to bring down the Government held equity in non- strategic Public Sector Undertakings to 26% or below in the generality of cases.